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OPERATION CANDYMAN DEFENDANT SENTENCED

(MIDLAND, TEXAS) This afternoon, 63-year-old **JOEL KINZIE OLDHAM** was sentenced in federal court to serve 41 months in prison following his October guilty plea to one count of receiving and possessing obscene materials. In addition to the 41 months jail time, Oldham was sentenced to a three-year term of supervised release and ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment to the Crime Victims' Fund.

Oldham initially became a target of this investigation when a Houston FBI agent traced his name from the Candyman subscriber group. The Candyman group transmitted images of child pornography via the Internet. Based on that information, the Midland FBI office obtained a search warrant for Oldham's Midland home and his computers. On April 17, 2002, the federal grand jury for the Midland-Odessa Division returned an indictment charging Oldham with one count of receiving child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography. Shortly after the indictment was handed down, the United States Supreme Court handed down their opinion in the *Ashcroft v. Free Speech Coalition* case that held that the government must prove the images of the children in these type of photographs must in fact be real children and not computer-generated images. On May 15, the United States Attorney's Office then sought a superseding indictment against Oldham charging him with one count of receiving and possessing obscene materials over the Internet.

At the guilty plea, the United States Attorney's Office stated that it was prepared to prove through eye-witness testimony, photographs and chat logs from the defendant's computers, and affidavits from records custodians for Internet provider computer servers that Oldham knowingly took and received obscene, lewd, lascivious, and filthy pictures, motion-picture films, papers, letters, writings, prints, and other matter of indecent character from over the Internet via his computer. The government's factual basis stated that from on or about February 9, 1999 to on or about December 11, 2001, Oldham received over the Internet (1) dozens of images of bestiality, e.g., humans having sexual relations with animals, (2) around a dozen images of children involving sexually explicit activity including several involving prepubescent children, and, (3) images of sado-masochistic behavior. These photographs and movies were transmitted through and/or from Russia, Virginia, North Carolina, and California. Additionally, the defendant both transmitted and received over the Internet via his computer numerous chat logs where Oldham pretended to be a 36 year-old bi-sexual female named "Sandi" with the screen registration of "Cindibi," and discussed sexual acts with minors, animals, and sado-masochistic behavior. The vast majority of these chat logs that ranged from February 1999 to December 2001 involved material relating to sexual acts with minors, some as young as eight years-old.

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